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# AN APPLICATION OF SYMBOLIC METHODS TO THE TREATMENT OF MEAN CURVATURES IN HYPERSPACE\*

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This paper is an application of MASCHKE's symbolic method for discussing invariants of quadratic differential forms, as developed in his article, *A Symbolic Treatment of the Theory of Invariants of Quadratic Differential Quantics of  $n$  Variables*.† Extensive use is also made of results and methods contained in two later publications, *Differential Parameters of the First Order*,‡ and *The Kronecker-Gaussian Curvature of Hyperspace*.§ Some familiarity with these three articles is implied.

Part I of the present paper is devoted to the study of the curvatures of an  $n$ -space  $R_n$  in an euclidean  $(n + 1)$ -space  $S_{n+1}$ . In §§ 1–3 the equations and some of the properties of the lines of curvature of  $R_n$  in  $S_{n+1}$  are developed. In particular, equation (28) gives the  $n$  curvatures of the  $n$  lines of curvature through a given point of  $R_n$ . The coefficients  $K_1, \dots, K_n$  of this equation are the so-called curvatures of  $R_n$  in  $S_{n+1}$ , involving the coefficients  $a_{ik}$  and  $\alpha_{ik}$  of the two fundamental forms of  $R_n$ . With the help of his symbolic method,|| MASCHKE has expressed  $K_n$ , when  $n$  is even, and  $K_n^2$ , when  $n$  is odd, as rational integral functions of the coefficients  $a_{ik}$  of the first fundamental form and their derivatives.

In §§ 4–6 similar expressions are derived for all the curvatures  $K_{2\nu}$  of even index. It does not seem possible to obtain rational results for the curvatures  $K_{2\nu+1}$  of odd index. In § 7, however, it is shown that, with the exception of  $K_1$ , these curvatures are expressible irrationally in terms of the first fundamental quantities and their derivatives.

The symbolic expressions for  $K_{2\nu}$  and  $K_n^2$  show at once that they are differential invariants of the first fundamental quadratic form for  $R_n$ , and they have meaning as invariants of any quadratic form in  $n$  variables. Part II of this paper considers a space  $R_\lambda$  defined in a space  $R_n$  ( $n > \lambda$ ), which is not neces-

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† These Transactions, vol. 4 (1903), pp. 445–469. This paper is referred to hereafter as M. I.

‡ *Ibid.*, vol. 7 (1906), pp. 69–80; referred to as D. P.

§ *Ibid.*, vol. 7 (1906), pp. 81–93; referred to as K.–G. C.

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sarily euclidean. The invariants  $K_{2v}$  and  $K_{\lambda}^2$  for  $R_{\lambda}$  are calculated in terms of the coefficients  $a_{ik}$  belonging to the length element of  $R_n$  and of the functions  $U^{\lambda+1}, \dots, U^n$  which determine the space  $R_{\lambda}$  in  $R_n$ .

## PART I.

### CURVATURES OF AN $n$ -SPACE IN AN $(n+1)$ -SPACE.

#### § 1. *Parametric Representation for an $n$ -space in an $(n+1)$ -space.*

Let  $z', z^2, \dots, z^{n+1}$  be the coördinates\* of an euclidean space  $S_{n+1}$  of  $n+1$  dimensions, i. e., a space whose arc-element is of the form

$$(1) \quad ds^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} [dz^i]^2.$$

We define in  $S_{n+1}$  any hypersurface, or space  $R_n$ , of  $n$  dimensions, by expressing each  $z$  as a function of  $n$  independent variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ :

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{c} z' = z'(x_1, \dots, x_n), \\ \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \\ z^{n+1} = z^{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_n). \end{array}$$

The arc-element of  $R_n$  is given by the equation

$$(3) \quad ds^2 = \sum_{i,k}^{1, \dots, n} a_{ik} dx_i dx_k,$$

where

$$(4) \quad a_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \frac{\partial z^j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial z^j}{\partial x_k} = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} z_i^j z_k^j = f_i f_k,$$

differentiation with respect to  $x_i$  being indicated here, as in the following pages, by the lower index  $i$ .

A space of  $\lambda$  dimensions,  $\lambda < n$ , would be obtained by using in (2) only  $\lambda$  independent variables  $x_1, \dots, x_{\lambda}$ . In particular, a curve in  $S_{n+1}$  is obtained by expressing each  $z$  as a function of one new variable  $x$ .

If in (2) one puts  $x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$ , the resulting curve is called the  $x_1$ -axis of a curvilinear system of coördinates on  $R_n$ . By letting  $x_2, \dots, x_n$  represent arbitrary constants, one gets the complete system of  $x_1$ -curves; and similarly for the other cases.

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{c} x_1\text{-curves if } x_1 \text{ varies and } x_2, \dots, x_n \text{ are constants,} \\ \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \\ x_n\text{-curves if } x_n \text{ varies and } x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \text{ are constants.} \end{array}$$

Equations (3) and (5) give the elements of the new axes,

$$(6) \quad ds_1^2 = a_{11} dx_1^2, \dots, ds_n^2 = a_{nn} dx_n^2,$$

\* It is assumed that no confusion will arise from writing the upper index, as MASCHKE does, without parentheses. Exponents are only occasionally used, and will be easily recognized.

where  $ds_k$  is the element of the  $x_k$ -axis. Represent the direction cosines of the  $x_k$ -axis, in the old system, by  $\cos(z', x_k), \dots, \cos(z^{n+1}, x_k)$ . Then

$$(7) \quad \cos(z^j, x_k) = \frac{dz^j}{ds_k} = \frac{z_k^j dx_k}{\sqrt{a_{kk}} dx_k} = \frac{z_k^j}{\sqrt{a_{kk}}} \quad (j=1, \dots, n+1; k=1, \dots, n).$$

Let  $\omega_{ik}$  be the angle between the  $x_i$ -axis and the  $x_k$ -axis. Then

$$(8) \quad \cos \omega_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \cos(z^j x_i) \cos(z^j x_k) = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \frac{z_i^j z_k^j}{\sqrt{a_{ii}} \sqrt{a_{kk}}} = \frac{a_{ik}}{\sqrt{a_{ii}} \sqrt{a_{kk}}} \quad (i, k=1, \dots, n),$$

so that *necessary and sufficient conditions for mutual orthogonality of the axes of the new system are*

$$(9) \quad a_{ik} = 0 \quad (i, k=1, \dots, n; i \neq k).$$

## § 2. General Curves on $R_n$ .

A general curve on  $R_n$  may be defined by means of  $n-1$  equations,

$$(10) \quad U^2(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{const.}, \dots, U^n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{const.}$$

The differential equations of this curve, which we call the  $U$ -curve, are

$$(11) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n U_i^2 dx_i = 0, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n U_i^n dx_i = 0.$$

Its direction is defined by the ratios of  $dx_1, \dots, dx_n$  in (11). In order to solve for these differentials, let  $p$  be any function of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  which satisfies the condition \*

$$D = (p U^2 \dots U^n) = (p U) \neq 0.$$

If  $A^r$  denotes the cofactor of  $p_r$  in  $D$ , equations (11) are identically satisfied by

$$(12) \quad dx_1 = \rho A^1, \dots, dx_n = \rho A^n,$$

where  $\rho$  is an arbitrary parameter.

The direction cosines  $\xi', \dots, \xi^{n+1}$  of the  $U$ -curve are found as follows. From (12),

$$(13) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n p_i dx_i = \rho \sum_{i=1}^n p_i A^i = \rho (p U).$$

Then

$$\xi^k = \frac{dz^k}{ds} = \frac{1}{ds} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i^k dx_i = \frac{\rho}{ds} (z^k U),$$

where  $ds$  is arc-element of the  $U$ -curve. Now

$$\sum_{k=1}^n [\xi^k]^2 = 1 = \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} \left[ \frac{\rho}{ds} \right]^2 (z^k U)^2 = \left[ \frac{\rho}{ds} \right]^2 (fU)^2.$$

\* See M. I., § 2, for an explanation of this invariantive notation.

Hence

$$\frac{\rho}{ds} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(fU)^2}}.$$

Then the direction cosines of the  $U$ -curve on  $R_n$ , referred to the original system of axes, are

$$(14) \quad \xi' = \frac{(z'U)}{\sqrt{(fU)^2}}, \dots, \xi^{n+1} = \frac{(z^{n+1}U)}{\sqrt{(fU)^2}}.$$

If there is given also a  $V$ -curve on  $R_n$  by equations similar to (10), its direction cosines may be written

$$(15) \quad \eta' = \frac{(z'V)}{\sqrt{(fV)^2}}, \dots, \eta^{n+1} = \frac{(z^{n+1}V)}{\sqrt{(fV)^2}}.$$

If  $\omega$  is the angle between the two curves, we have from (14) and (15)

$$(16) \quad \cos \omega = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \xi^i \eta^i = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \frac{(z^i U)(z^i V)}{\sqrt{(fU)^2} \sqrt{(fV)^2}} = \frac{(fU)(fV)}{\sqrt{(fU)^2} \sqrt{(fV)^2}}.$$

Thus a necessary and sufficient condition for orthogonality of the two curves is

$$(17) \quad (fU)(fV) = 0.$$

Equation (17) also defines the orthogonal trajectories of a system of  $U$ -curves on  $R_n$ . An illustration is found in the case of curves on an ordinary surface.

### § 3. Lines of Curvature on $R$ .

A line  $L$  drawn on  $R_n$  such that the normals to  $R_n$  along  $L$  (with respect to the enclosing space  $S_{n+1}$ ) generate a developable surface is called\* a line of curvature of  $R_n$  in  $S_{n+1}$ .

At a point  $P$  of  $R_n$  there is a unique normal to  $R_n$  in  $S_{n+1}$ . Let the direction cosines of this normal be  $\zeta', \dots, \zeta^{n+1}$ . Choose  $P$  as origin of the system of  $x$ -axes on  $R_n$ . Then, since the normal to  $R_n$  at  $P$  is orthogonal to every direction on  $R_n$  at  $P$ , we have from (7)

$$(18) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \zeta^i z_k^i = 0 \quad (k=1, \dots, n).$$

The coefficients  $\alpha_{ik}$  of the first fundamental form of  $R_n$ , given in (3) are the first fundamental quantities. The second fundamental quantities are defined by the equations

$$\alpha_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \zeta^j z_{ik}^j \quad (i, k=1, \dots, n).$$

\* Cf. BIANCHI, *Lezioni di Geometria Differenziale*, vol. I, p. 125.

By differentiating (18), one obtains

$$(19) \quad \alpha_{ik} = \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \zeta^j z_{ik}^j = - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \zeta_i^j z_k^j \quad (i, k=1, \dots, n).$$

The letters  $g$  and  $\gamma$  are to be used in this paper as symbols of the second fundamental quantities

$$(20) \quad \alpha_{ik} = g_i g_k = \gamma_i \gamma_k = \alpha_{ki}.$$

Let  $C$  be the curve of  $S_{n+1}$  which is the envelope of the normals along  $L$ . Let  $M(z', \dots, z^{n+1})$  be any point of  $L$ , and  $\bar{M}(\bar{z}', \dots, \bar{z}^{n+1})$  be the point where the normal at  $M$  meets  $C$ . Denote by  $r$  the distance  $M\bar{M}$ , which is positive or negative according to the direction of  $\bar{M}$  from  $M$ . Then

$$(21) \quad \bar{z}' = z' - r\zeta', \dots, \bar{z}^{n+1} = z^{n+1} - r\zeta^{n+1}.$$

Take derivatives of equations (21) with respect to the arc  $s$  of  $L$ . Then, since  $C$  is envelope of the normals along  $L$ ,

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d\bar{z}'}{ds} &= \frac{dz'}{ds} - r \frac{d\zeta'}{ds} - \zeta' \frac{dr}{ds} = q\zeta', \\ &\cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \\ \frac{d\bar{z}^{n+1}}{ds} &= \frac{dz^{n+1}}{ds} - r \frac{d\zeta^{n+1}}{ds} - \zeta^{n+1} \frac{dr}{ds} = q\zeta^{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $q$  is a factor of proportionality to be determined. Multiply equations (22) by  $\zeta', \dots, \zeta^{n+1}$  in order and add. We get

$$(23) \quad q \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} [\zeta^i]^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \zeta^i \frac{dz^i}{ds} - r \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \zeta^i \frac{d\zeta^i}{ds} - \frac{dr}{ds} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} [\zeta^i]^2.$$

Now

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} [\zeta^i]^2 = 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \zeta^i \frac{d\zeta^i}{ds} = 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \zeta^i \frac{dz^i}{ds} = 0,$$

since  $\zeta', \dots, \zeta^{n+1}$  are direction cosines of the normal and  $dz'/ds, \dots, dz^{n+1}/ds$  are direction cosines of  $L$ . Substituting these results in (23), one obtains

$$q = - \frac{dr}{ds}.$$

Then equations (22) give

$$(24) \quad \frac{d\bar{z}'}{ds} = r \frac{d\zeta'}{ds}, \dots, \frac{d\bar{z}^{n+1}}{ds} = r \frac{d\zeta^{n+1}}{ds},$$

or

$$(25) \quad \frac{d\bar{z}'}{d\zeta'} = \frac{dz^2}{d\zeta^2} = \dots = \frac{dz^{n+1}}{d\zeta^{n+1}} = r.$$



If now a line of curvature be represented as a  $U$ -curve (10), one gets from (13) and (29)

$$(30) \quad f_k(fU) = -rg_k(gU) \quad (k=1, \dots, n).$$

A symmetrical expression for  $r$  is obtained by multiplying equations (30) in order by the cofactors of  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  in  $(fU)$  and adding:

$$(31) \quad r = -\frac{(fU)^2}{(gU)^2}.$$

If any two lines of curvature through  $P$  be given as  $U$  and  $V$ -curves, and their respective curvatures be denoted by  $1/r'$  and  $1/r''$ , one gets from (30)

$$g_1(gU) = -\frac{1}{r'}f_1(fU), \dots, g_n(gU) = -\frac{1}{r'}f_n(fU),$$

$$g_1(gV) = -\frac{1}{r''}f_1(fV), \dots, g_n(gV) = -\frac{1}{r''}f_n(fV).$$

Multiply the equations of the first line in order by the cofactors of  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  in  $(fV)$  and add. Also multiply the equations of the second line in order by the cofactors of  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  in  $(fU)$  and add. Then

$$(gU)(gV) = -\frac{1}{r'}(fU)(fV) = -\frac{1}{r''}(fU)(fV),$$

so that either  $r' = r''$  or  $(fU)(fV) = 0$ . Hence by (17) we have

**Theorem I.** *Any two distinct lines of curvature through an ordinary point  $P$  of  $R_n$  are orthogonal to each other.*

If the lines of curvature through  $P$  be taken as parameter lines, then, by (9),

$$a_{ik} = 0 \quad (i \neq k).$$

It follows at once from (26) that also

$$\alpha_{ik} = 0 \quad (i, k=1, \dots, n; i \neq k).$$

**Theorem II.** *If the lines of curvature at an ordinary (not umbilic) point of  $R_n$  be taken as parameter lines, then*

$$a_{ik} = 0, \quad \alpha_{ik} = 0 \quad (i, k=1, \dots, n; i \neq k).$$

#### § 4. Definition of the Curvatures of $R_n$ in $S_{n+1}$ .

Equation (28) may be written in the form

$$(32) \quad H_0 + H_1 r + \dots + H_{n-1} r^{n-1} + H_n r^n = 0,$$

where\*

$$H_0 = |a_{ik}| = 1/\beta^2, \quad H_n = |\alpha_{ik}|,$$

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\* M. I., (9).



while for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $H_j$  is the sum of all the determinants obtained from  $|a_{ik}|$  by replacing in all possible ways  $j$  columns of  $|a_{ik}|$  by the corresponding columns of  $|\alpha_{ik}|$ . Dividing (32) by  $H_0$  one obtains

$$(33) \quad 1 + K_1 r + \dots + K_{n-1} r^{n-1} + K_n r^n = 0.$$

The coefficient  $K_n$  (the product of all the curvatures) is the Kronecker-Gaussian curvature of hyperspace. It has been shown to be expressible in terms of the first fundamental quantities and their derivatives (cf. K-G. C.). In this paper the coefficients of (33) are called the  $n$  curvatures of  $R_n$  in  $S_{n+1}$ . By definition

$$(34) \quad K_1 = \beta^2 \sum_{i,k}^{1,\dots,n} \alpha_{ik} A_k^i, \quad K_2 = \beta^2 \sum_{i_1 i_2, k_1 k_2}^{1,\dots,n} \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{i_1 k_1} & \alpha_{i_1 k_2} \\ \alpha_{i_2 k_1} & \alpha_{i_2 k_2} \end{vmatrix} \cdot A_{k_1 k_2}^{i_1 i_2} = \sum_{i_1 i_2 k_1 k_2}^{1,\dots,n} \Delta_{i_1 i_2 k_2}^{i_1 i_2} A_{k_1 k_2}^{i_1 i_2}, \dots,$$

$$K_m = \beta^2 \sum_{i_1 \dots i_m k_1 \dots k_m}^{1,\dots,n} \Delta_{i_1 \dots i_m k_1 \dots k_m}^{i_1 \dots i_m} \cdot A_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{i_1 \dots i_m} \quad (m = 1, \dots, n),$$

where  $A_k^i$  is the cofactor of  $a_{ik}$  in  $|a_{ik}|$ ,  $A_{k_1 k_2}^{i_1 i_2}$  is the *algebraic complement* of

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_{i_1 k_1} & a_{i_1 k_2} \\ a_{i_2 k_1} & a_{i_2 k_2} \end{vmatrix}$$

in  $|a_{ik}|$ , while  $\Delta_{i_1 i_2 k_1 k_2}^{i_1 i_2}$  is the *second minor* of  $|a_{ik}|$  indicated for  $K_2$  above; and similarly for the  $A$ 's and  $\Delta$ 's in  $K_m$ . Both sets  $i_1, \dots, i_m$  and  $k_1, \dots, k_m$  are considered as being in ascending numerical order.

### § 5. Invariant Symbolic Forms of $K_1, \dots, K_n$ .

If  $F_k^i$  be the cofactor of  $f_k^i$  in the functional determinant  $\{f', \dots, f^n\}$ , Maschke\* has shown that

$$A_k^i = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} F_i' F_k'.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= \beta^2 \sum_{i,k}^{1,\dots,n} \alpha_{ik} A_k^i = \frac{\beta^2}{(n-1)!} \sum_{i,k}^{1,\dots,n} g_i g_k F_i' F_k' \\ &= \frac{\beta^2}{(n-1)!} \{g^2 \dots f^n\}^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} (g^f)^2. \end{aligned}$$

This suggests a method for reducing all the curvatures to convenient invariant forms. Let  $F_{i_1 \dots i_m}^{1 \dots m}$  be the algebraic complement of

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_{i_1}' & \dots & f_{i_m}' \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ f_{i_1}^m & \dots & f_{i_m}^m \end{vmatrix}$$

\* M. I., p. 450.

in  $\{f' \dots f^n\}$ . Then the product  $F_{i_1 \dots i_m}^{1 \dots m} \cdot F_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{1 \dots m}$  may be written

$$\begin{vmatrix} f_1^{m+1} & \dots & f_{i_1-1}^{m+1} & f_{i_1+1}^{m+1} & \dots & f_{i_m-1}^{m+1} & f_{i_m+1}^{m+1} & \dots & f_{i_n}^{m+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ f_1^n & \dots & f_{i_1-1}^n & f_{i_1+1}^n & \dots & f_{i_m-1}^n & f_{i_m+1}^n & \dots & f_{i_n}^n \end{vmatrix} F_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{1 \dots m}.$$

If the first determinant of this product be expanded, one finds  $(n-m)!$  terms of the form

$$(-1)^\mu f_1 \dots f_{i_1-1} f_{i_1+1} \dots f_{i_m-1} f_{i_m+1} \dots f_n \cdot F_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{1 \dots m},$$

where the suppressed upper indices of the first factor are understood to be any permutation of the numbers  $m+1, \dots, n$ , while  $\mu$  represents the number of inversions in the permutation. Since the equivalent symbols  $f^{m+1}, \dots, f^n$  may be interchanged in all possible ways without altering the value of the term, let them be so interchanged for each term as to reduce the first factor to  $(-1)^\mu$  times the principal diagonal term of  $F_{i_1 \dots i_m}^{1 \dots m}$ . This causes an interchange of rows in the second (determinant) factor  $F_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{1 \dots m}$  so that it becomes in each case  $(-1)^\mu$  times its original form. Hence the above product becomes

$$(n-m)! f_1^{m+1} \dots f_{i_1+m-1}^{i_1+m} \dots f_{i_m-1}^{i_m} f_{i_m+1}^{i_m+1} \dots f_n \cdot F_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{1 \dots m}.$$

Multiplying each  $f$  into the corresponding row of the determinant  $F_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{1 \dots m}$  (which has a form similar to that given above for  $F_{i_1 \dots i_m}^{1 \dots m}$ ), we have

$$F_{i_1 \dots i_m}^{1 \dots m} \cdot F_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{1 \dots m} = (n-m)! A_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{i_1 \dots i_m},$$

or

$$(35) \quad A_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{i_1 \dots i_m} = \frac{1}{(n-m)!} F_{i_1 \dots i_m}^{1 \dots m} \cdot F_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{1 \dots m}.$$

Also

$$(36) \quad \Delta_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{i_1 \dots i_m} = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{i_1 k_1} & \dots & \alpha_{i_1 k_m} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \alpha_{i_m k_1} & \dots & \alpha_{i_m k_m} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} g'_{i_1} g'_{k_1} & \dots & g'_{i_1} g'_{k_m} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_{i_m}^m g_{k_1}^m & \dots & g_{i_m}^m g_{k_m}^m \end{vmatrix} = g'_{i_1} \dots g_{i_m}^m \begin{vmatrix} g'_{k_1} & \dots & g'_{k_m} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_{k_1}^m & \dots & g_{k_m}^m \end{vmatrix},$$

$$\Delta_{k_1 \dots k_m}^{i_1 \dots i_m} = \frac{1}{m!} \begin{vmatrix} g'_{i_1} & \dots & g'_{i_m} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_{i_1}^m & \dots & g_{i_m}^m \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} g'_{k_1} & \dots & g'_{k_m} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_{k_1}^m & \dots & g_{k_m}^m \end{vmatrix}.$$

Substituting (35) and (36) in (34), one finds, by a well-known theorem of determinants,

$$(37) \quad K_m = \frac{1}{m!(n-m)!} (g' \dots g^m f^{m+1} \dots f^n)^2 = \frac{1}{m!(n-m)!} (g' \dots g^m f)^2.$$

In particular,

$$K_1 = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} (gf)^2 = \Delta_1 g,$$

where, by M. I. (22),  $\Delta_1 g$  is the first differential parameter of the first quadratic form (3).



This gives Maschke's expression \* for  $K_n$  when  $n$  is even :

$$K_n = \frac{1}{n![(n-1)!]^{n/2}} ((fa)' \cdots (fa)^n)(f) \quad (n \text{ even}).$$

**Theorem.** *The mean curvatures  $K_{2\nu}$ , with even subscript, are represented in (40) as rational integral functions of the coefficients of the first fundamental form and their derivatives.*

§ 7. *Expression of  $K_{2\nu+1}$  in terms of the first Fundamental Quantities and Derivatives, when  $\nu$  is greater than zero.*

Use is made of the determinant theorem

$$(41) \quad \Delta_{i_1 \dots i_{2\nu+1}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,r}^{1, \dots, n} \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{ij k_s} & \alpha_{ij k_t} \\ \alpha_{ir k_s} & \alpha_{ir k_t} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} D_{ij k_s} & D_{ij k_t} \\ D_{ir k_s} & D_{ir k_t} \end{vmatrix} \quad (s, t=1, \dots, 2\nu+1; s \neq t),$$

where  $\nu \neq 0$  and the  $D$ 's are cofactors of the corresponding  $\alpha$ 's in  $\Delta_{i_1 \dots i_{2\nu+1}}^2$  and are therefore all of even order and expressible by (39). The results are

$$\begin{aligned} D_{ij k_s} &= \frac{\epsilon^\nu}{(2\nu)!} F'_{ij} (FA)'_{k_s}, & D_{ij k_t} &= \frac{\epsilon^\nu}{(2\nu)!} \Phi'_{ij} (\Phi B)'_{k_t}, \\ D_{ir k_s} &= \frac{\epsilon^\nu}{(2\nu)!} F'_{ir} (FA)'_{k_s}, & D_{ir k_t} &= \frac{\epsilon^\nu}{(2\nu)!} \Phi'_{ir} (\Phi B)'_{k_t}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $F'_{ij}$  is the cofactor of  $f'_{ij}$  in  $\{f'_{i_1} \cdots f'_{i_{2\nu+1}}\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $(\Phi B)'_{k_t}$  is the cofactor of  $(\phi b)'_{k_t}$  in  $\{(\phi b)'_{k_1} \cdots (\phi b)'_{k_{2\nu+1}}\}$ . Also, by M. I. (120),

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha_{ij k_s} & \alpha_{ij k_t} \\ \alpha_{ir k_s} & \alpha_{ir k_t} \end{vmatrix} = \epsilon (fc)'_{k_s} (\phi c)'_{k_t} \begin{vmatrix} f'_{ij} & \phi'_{ij} \\ f'_{ir} & \phi'_{ir} \end{vmatrix},$$

Substituting in (41), we find

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{i_1 \dots i_{2\nu+1}}^2 &= \frac{\epsilon^{2\nu+1}}{[(2\nu)!]^2} (fc)'_{k_s} (FA)'_{k_s} (\phi c)'_{k_t} (\Phi B)'_{k_t} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,r}^{1, \dots, 2\nu+1} \begin{vmatrix} f'_{ij} & \phi'_{ij} \\ f'_{ir} & \phi'_{ir} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} F'_{ij} & \Phi'_{ij} \\ F'_{ir} & \Phi'_{ir} \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

This last sum expands into

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,r}^{1, \dots, 2\nu+1} [f'_{ij} F'_{ij} \phi'_{ir} \Phi'_{ir} - f'_{ij} \Phi'_{ij} \phi'_{ir} F'_{ir} - f'_{ir} \Phi'_{ir} \phi'_{ij} F'_{ij} + f'_{ir} F'_{ir} \phi'_{ij} \Phi'_{ij}] \\ = \begin{vmatrix} \{f'_{i_1} \cdots f'_{i_{2\nu+1}}\} & \{f'_{i_1} \phi_{i_2}^2 \cdots \phi_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} \\ \{\phi'_{i_1} f_{i_2}^2 \cdots f_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} & \{\phi'_{i_1} \cdots \phi_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} \end{vmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{i_1 \dots i_{2\nu+1}}^2 &= \frac{\epsilon^{2\nu+1}}{[(2\nu)!]^2} (fc)'_{k_s} (FA)'_{k_s} (\phi c)'_{k_t} (\Phi B)'_{k_t} \\ &\quad \times \begin{vmatrix} \{f'_{i_1} \cdots f'_{i_{2\nu+1}}\} & \{f'_{i_1} \phi_{i_2}^2 \cdots \phi_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} \\ \{\phi'_{i_1} f_{i_2}^2 \cdots f_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} & \{\phi'_{i_1} \cdots \phi_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} \end{vmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

\* K.-G. C., (29).

By (41) this equation holds for all values of  $s$  and  $t$  from 1 to  $2\nu + 1$  except  $s = t$ . When  $s = t$ , the second member vanishes. Sum the equations given by using all values of  $s$  and  $t$  from 1 to  $2\nu + 1$  and divide by  $(2\nu + 1)2\nu$ ; also multiply by  $\beta^4$ . Then

$$(42) \quad \beta^4 \Delta_{i_1 \dots i_{2\nu+1}}^2 = \frac{\varepsilon^{2\nu+1}}{(2\nu + 1)(2\nu)[(2\nu)!]^2} ((fc)'_{k_1}(fa)_{k_2}^2 \dots (fa)_{k_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}) \\ \times ((\phi c)'_{k_1}(\phi b)_{k_2}^2 \dots (\phi b)_{k_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}) \left| \begin{array}{cc} \{f'_{i_1} \dots f_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} & \{f'_{i_1} \phi_{i_2}^2 \dots \phi_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} \\ \{\phi'_{i_1} f_{i_2}^2 \dots f_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} & \{\phi'_{i_1} \dots \phi_{i_{2\nu+1}}^{2\nu+1}\} \end{array} \right|.$$

And by (34)

$$K_{2\nu+1} = \sum_{i_1 \dots i_{2\nu+1}}^{1, \dots, n} [\beta^4 \Delta_{i_1 \dots i_{2\nu+1}}^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} A_{i_1 \dots i_{2\nu+1}} \quad (\nu > 0).$$

Thus by (34) and (42) we have  $K_{2\nu+1}(\nu > 0)$  expressed in terms of the first fundamental quantities and derivatives (but only in the irrational form of a sum of square roots).

The case of  $K_1$  presents special difficulty:

$$K_1 = \beta^2 \sum_{ik}^{1, \dots, n} \alpha_{ik} A_k^i.$$

In K.-G. C. (p. 24), Maschke suggests a method for expressing the  $\alpha$ 's in terms of the  $a$ 's when  $n$  is odd. His formula (24) should, however, be written,

$$(43) \quad \alpha_{11} \Delta^{n-2} = \begin{vmatrix} A_{22} & \dots & A_{2n} \\ A_{n2} & \dots & A_{nn} \end{vmatrix}.$$

If  $n$  is odd, the elements of the second member of (43) are of even order, and therefore expressible by (39), and similarly for every  $\alpha$ . But  $\Delta$  itself is of odd order, and is raised to an odd power ( $n - 2$  instead of  $n - 1$ ).<sup>\*</sup> Equation (43) is true also for even values of  $n$ , so that the  $\alpha$ 's are always expressible by (43) in terms of the first fundamental quantities and derivatives (if  $n > 2$ ), but in all cases irrationally.

Using (43), the author has calculated irrational values of  $K_1$  when  $n$  is greater than two; but the notation is so complicated that the presentation of the results seems impracticable, if not also useless.<sup>†</sup>

If  $2\nu + 1 = n$ , the sum reduces to a single term and formulas (34) and (42)

<sup>\*</sup>Cf. BÔCHER, *Introduction to Higher Algebra*, § 11.

<sup>†</sup>In a recent paper the author has calculated the value of  $K_1$  as well as of the other curvatures of odd subscript, for a space of  $n - 1$  dimensions defined in  $R_n$  by the equation  $U(x_1 \dots x_n) = 0$ . These values involve only the coefficients of the first fundamental form of  $R_n$  and their derivatives, together with the function  $U$ .

give a rational value for  $K_n^2$ ,

$$(44) \quad K_n^2 = \beta^4 \Delta^2 = \frac{\epsilon^{n+2}}{n(n-1)} \left( (fc)'(fa)^2 \dots (fa)^n \right) \left( (\phi c)'(\phi b)^2 \dots (\phi b)^n \right) \begin{vmatrix} (f) & (f'\phi) \\ (\phi'f) & (\phi) \end{vmatrix}.$$

By the method used in K.-G. C. (p. 86), this may be reduced to Maschke's form (31):\*

$$(45) \quad K_n^2 = \frac{1}{n[(n-1)!]^{n+2}} \left( (fc)'(fa)^2 \dots (fa)^n \right) \left( (\phi c)'(\phi b)^2 \dots (\phi b)^n \right) (f'\phi'f)(f^2\phi^2\phi).$$

The rather unsatisfactory results of this section are then as follows:

If  $n$  is odd,  $K_n^2$  is expressed by (45) as a rational function of the first fundamental quantities and their derivatives. Equations (34) and (42) give irrational expressions for the curvatures of odd index except  $K_1$ , for which no expression is here given.

## PART II.

### INVARIANTS OF $R_\lambda$ IN $R_n$ .

The quantities  $K_{2\nu}$  and  $K_n^2$ , for  $n$  odd, are by their forms (40) and (45) differential invariants of the first fundamental quadratic form (3). When (3) defines the arc-element of a space  $R_n$  of  $n$  dimensions contained in an euclidean space  $S_{n+1}$  of  $n+1$  dimensions, these  $K$ 's have the geometric meaning already assigned to them. It is our object † to find corresponding invariants of a space  $R_\lambda$  of  $\lambda$  dimensions, represented as differential parameters of a general space  $R_n$  of higher dimensions containing  $R_\lambda$ .

#### § 1. Definitions and Preliminary Formulas.

In the general space  $R_n$ , of  $n$  dimensions, whose coördinates are  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and whose arc-element is defined by equation (3), let the space  $R_\lambda$  of  $\lambda$  dimensions ( $\lambda < n$ ) be defined by the  $n - \lambda$  equations

$$(46) \quad U^{\lambda+1}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{const.}, \dots, U^n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{const.}$$

If  $\lambda$  other arbitrarily chosen functions of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , say  $u', \dots, u^\lambda$ , such that

$$\Delta = (u' \dots u^\lambda U^{\lambda+1} \dots U^n) \neq 0,$$

are adjoined to these, the space  $R_\lambda$  may also be represented in parametric form

$$(47) \quad x_1 = x_1(u', \dots, u^\lambda), \dots, x_n = x_n(u', \dots, u^\lambda),$$

\* In MASCHKE's reduction there are two slight numerical errors which balance each other. His equation (30) differs from (44) above in that he has divided by  $n^2$  instead of by  $n(n-1)$ ; while in his reduction of (30) there are  $n-1$  of the terms which become equal, instead of  $n$ .

† Cf. K.-G. C., § 5.

by solving the  $n - \lambda$  equations (46) with the  $\lambda$  equations

$$(48) \quad u'(x_1, \dots, x_n) = u', \dots, u^\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n) = u^\lambda.$$

Any  $n$  differentials satisfying the  $n - \lambda$  equations, found by differentiating (46),

$$\sum_{i=1}^n U_i^{\lambda+1} dx_i = 0, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n U_i^n dx_i = 0$$

determine a certain direction in  $R_\lambda$ . In order to find these differentials in terms of  $du', \dots, du^\lambda$ , we differentiate also equations (48) and solve the set

$$\begin{aligned} u'_1 dx_1 + \dots + u'_n dx_n &= du', \\ u^\lambda_1 dx_1 + \dots + u^\lambda_n dx_n &= du^\lambda, \\ U_1^{\lambda+1} dx_1 + \dots + U_n^{\lambda+1} dx_n &= 0, \\ U_1^n dx_1 + \dots + U_n^n dx_n &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

If  $A^{kr}$  be the cofactor of  $u_r^k$  in  $\Delta$ , then

$$dx_r = \frac{1}{\Delta} \sum_{k=1}^{\lambda} A^{kr} du^k$$

and therefore,

$$(49) \quad \sum_{r=1}^n p_r dx_r = \frac{1}{\Delta} \sum_{k=1}^{\lambda} \{u' \dots u^{k-1} p u^{k+1} \dots u^\lambda U\} du^k,$$

where  $p$  is any ordinary function of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

In order to find the expression for  $ds$  in terms of  $u', \dots, u^\lambda$ , we introduce for the differential quantic (3) the symbolic form

$$ds^2 = \sum_{i,k}^{1,\dots,n} a_{ik} dx_i dx_k = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n f_i dx_i \right]^2.$$

Then (49) gives for the length element in  $R_\lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} (50) \quad ds^2 &= \frac{1}{\Delta^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} \{u' \dots u^{i-1} f u^{i+1} \dots u^\lambda U\} du_i \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta^2 \Delta^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} (u' \dots u^{i-1} f u^{i+1} \dots u^\lambda U) du_i \right]^2. \end{aligned}$$

We may also introduce for  $ds^2$ , as given in terms of  $u', \dots, u^\lambda$ , the symbolic form

$$(51) \quad ds^2 = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\lambda} \mathfrak{f}_i du^i \right]^2.$$

By comparing (50) and (51) we find

$$(52) \quad \mathfrak{f}_i = \frac{1}{\Delta} \{u' \dots u^{i-1} f u^{i+1} \dots u^\lambda U\} = \frac{1}{\beta \Delta} (u' \dots u^{i-1} f u^{i+1} \dots u^\lambda U).$$

If we use the symbols of form (51), the invariants  $K_{2\nu}$  and  $K_\lambda^2$  ( $\lambda$  odd) of  $R_\lambda$  may be written, by (40) and (45),

$$(53) \quad (2\nu)!(\lambda - 2\nu)![(\lambda - 1)!]^\nu K_{2\nu} = G_{2\nu} = ((fa)' \dots (fa)^{2\nu} f^{2\nu+1} \dots f^\lambda)(f' \dots f^\lambda),$$

$$(54) \quad \lambda [(\lambda - 1)!]^{\lambda+2} K_\lambda^2 = G_\lambda^2 = ((fc)'(fa)^2 \dots (fa)^\lambda) \\ \times ((gc)'(gb)^2 \dots (gb)^\lambda)(f'g'f^3 \dots f^\lambda)(f^2g^2 \dots g^\lambda),$$

where  $G_{2\nu}$  and  $G_\lambda^2$  are introduced merely for convenience. In all invariantive brackets containing the new symbols, of the quadratic form (51), the differentiation is with respect to the  $\lambda$  variables  $u', \dots, u^\lambda$ . This is indicated sufficiently by the German type and the number of symbols inside the brackets.  $\beta_u$  is defined by the equation

$$(f' \dots f^\lambda) = \beta_u \{f' \dots f^\lambda\}.$$

We now proceed to compute the values of the invariantive expressions used in (53) and (54) in terms of the symbols of the first fundamental form (3), of  $R_n$  and the functions  $U^{\lambda+1}, \dots, U^n$  which define  $R_\lambda$  in  $R_n$ .

By means of (52) and D. P. (3), we obtain

$$\{f' \dots f^\lambda\} = \frac{1}{\Delta^\lambda} \{f' \dots f^\lambda U\} \{u' \dots u^\lambda U\}^{\lambda-1} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \{f' \dots f^\lambda U\},$$

so that

$$(55) \quad \frac{1}{\beta_u} (f' \dots f^\lambda) = \frac{1}{\beta \Delta} (f' \dots f^\lambda U).$$

To calculate the value of  $\beta_u$ , square (55) and simplify the result by placing  $(f' \dots f^\lambda)^2 = \lambda!$ , according to M. I. (17), and  $(f' \dots f^\lambda U)^2 = \lambda!(n - \lambda)! \Delta^{n-\lambda} U$  by (38). This gives

$$(56) \quad \beta_u = \omega \beta \Delta, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{(n - \lambda)! \Delta^{n-\lambda} U}}.$$

Then

$$(f' \dots f^\lambda) = \omega (f' \dots f^\lambda U).$$

The other invariantive forms in (53) and (54) are reduced by the same method, and by interchanging equivalent symbols, giving\*

$$(57) \quad (f' \dots f^\lambda) = \omega (f' \dots f^\lambda U), \\ (f'g'f^3 \dots f^\lambda) = \omega (f' \phi' f^3 \dots f^\lambda U), \quad (f^2g^2 \dots g^\lambda) = \omega (f^2 \phi^2 \dots \phi^\lambda U) \\ ((fa)' \dots (fa)^{2\nu} f^{2\nu+1} \dots f^\lambda) \\ = \omega (\omega (faU)', \omega (faU)^2, \dots, \omega (faU)^{2\nu}, f^{2\nu+1} \dots f^\lambda U),$$

\*Inside the invariantive brackets, we have followed MASCHKE's custom of omitting commas between symbols, except where ambiguity might occur. Cf. M. I., p. 448.



\* Cf. K.-G. C., p. 92.

By applying D. P. (1) to the first two brackets, and proceeding as above, one finds  $T = 0$  also for even values of  $k$ .

With the help of these results (58) becomes

$$G_{2\nu} = \omega^{2\nu+2} ((faU)' \dots (faU)^{2\nu} f^{2\nu+1} \dots f^\lambda U) (f' \dots f^\lambda U).$$

Then, by (53) and (56),

$$(59) \quad K_{2\nu} = \frac{(\lambda - 1)! ((faU)' \dots (faU)^{2\nu} f^{2\nu+1} \dots f^\lambda U) (f' \dots f^\lambda U)}{(2\nu)! (\lambda - 2\nu)! [(\lambda - 1)! (n - \lambda)! \Delta^{n-\lambda} U]^{\nu+1}}.$$

If  $2\nu = \lambda$ , (59) becomes

$$(60) \quad K_\lambda = \frac{((faU)' \dots (faU)^\lambda U) (f' \dots f^\lambda U)}{\lambda [(\lambda - 1)! (n - \lambda)! \Delta^{n-\lambda} U]^{(\lambda+2)/2}},$$

which agrees with Maschke's form, K.-G. C. (60). The symbols  $f$  and  $a$  belong to the quadratic form (3), expressing the length element of  $R_n$ . Further,  $(faU)^i = (f^i a^2 \dots a^\lambda U^{\lambda+1} \dots U^n)$ , in which  $f^i$  is equal to  $f^i$  in  $(f' \dots f^\lambda U)$ , while the sets of symbols  $a^2 \dots a^\lambda$  are equal in any two consecutive brackets  $(faU)^{2k-1}$ ,  $(faU)^{2k}$  and otherwise distinct.

The result is then that  $K_{2\nu}$ , for the space  $R_\lambda$ , is expressible rationally in terms of the coefficients of the first fundamental form of  $R_n$  and their derivatives, together with the functions  $U^{\lambda+1}, \dots, U^n$  (which define  $R_\lambda$  in  $R_n$ ) and their derivatives.

### § 3. Expression for $K_\lambda^2$ when $\lambda$ is odd.\*

The invariant  $K_\lambda^2$  ( $\lambda$  odd) can be expressed in a manner similar to the above. Substituting from (57) into (54), one gets

$$(61) \quad G_\lambda^2 = \omega^4 (\omega (fcU)', \omega (faU)^2, \dots, \omega (faU)^\lambda U) \\ \times (\omega (\phi cU)', \omega (\phi bU)^2, \dots, \omega (\phi bU)^\lambda U) (f' \phi' f^3 \dots f^\lambda U) (f^2 \phi^2 \dots \phi^\lambda U).$$

By D. P. (4),

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega (fcU)', \omega (faU)^2, \dots, \omega (faU)^\lambda U) &= \omega^\lambda ((fcU)' (faU)^2 \dots (faU)^\lambda U) \\ &+ \omega^{\lambda-1} ((fcU)' (\omega, (faU)^2 \dots (faU)^\lambda U)) \\ &+ \omega^{\lambda-1} \sum_{i=2}^{\lambda} (faU)^i ((fcU)' (faU)^2 \dots (faU)^{i-1}, \omega, (faU)^{i+1} \dots (faU)^\lambda U) \\ &\equiv \omega^\lambda \alpha_1 + \omega^{\lambda-1} \alpha_2 + \omega^{\lambda-1} \alpha_3. \\ (\omega (\phi cU)', \omega (\phi bU)^2, \dots, \omega (\phi bU)^\lambda U) &= \omega^\lambda ((\phi cU)' (\phi bU)^2 \dots (\phi bU)^\lambda U) \\ &+ \omega^{\lambda-1} ((\phi cU)' (\omega, (\phi bU)^2 \dots (\phi bU)^\lambda U)) \\ &+ \omega^{\lambda-1} \sum_{k=2}^{\lambda} (\phi bU)^k ((\phi cU)' (\phi bU)^2 \dots (\phi bU)^{k-1}, \omega, (\phi bU)^{k+1} \dots (\phi bU)^\lambda U) \\ &\equiv \omega^\lambda \beta_1 + \omega^{\lambda-1} \beta_2 + \omega^{\lambda-1} \beta_3. \end{aligned}$$

\* See K.-G. C., p. 93.

$$\alpha, \beta, \gamma \delta = (1 - \lambda) \alpha, \beta, \gamma \delta.$$



